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SUBJECT: TERRORISM FINANCE COORDINATION OFFICER (TFCO) FOR  
ARGENTINA

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11. (C) Post provides the following response to reftel request  
for contact information on Terrorism Finance Coordinating  
Officer (TFCO) and Deputy TFCO.

a) TFCO contact information:

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c) While a Southern Cone sub-regional meeting of TFCOs would  
be useful, particularly for the countries engaged in  
coordination on tri-border issues, our priority is to improve  
coordination with Washington agencies on terrorist finance  
designations. We would also note that terrorism finance is  
best addressed in the context of other illicit activities  
taking place in the region -- and particularly in the  
tri-border area -- such as money laundering, narcotics and  
arms trafficking, and piracy, counterfeiting, and theft of  
intellectual property.

With regards to Post's public affairs efforts, we note that  
the Mission co-hosted and organized a regional conference in  
September on international security and transnational crime.  
The conference had a money laundering and terrorism finance  
component, and a U.S. Treasury Officer was the featured  
speaker. Going forward, Post will consider a one-country IV  
or Voluntary Visitor exchange program on this topic (Note:  
the FY 08 IV selection season is approaching. End Note).  
Other options are to increase public outreach, particularly  
using local NGO and university venues (non-press events),  
roundtables with ex USG grantees, and off the record  
backgrounders with trusted press. We will also consider  
preparing a special page on the Embassy website on counter  
terrorism issues. (Note: Depending on the type of activity  
and USG agency involved, Post's ability to fund outreach,

training, and other programs in Argentina may be constrained by Brooke Amendment sanctions. Argentina fell under Brooke sanctions on October 1, 2003, when it passed 12 months in arrears on principal payments on a USG loan. End Note).

d) Post verifies the information provided in the referenced chart, and offers one correction: Argentina has been a member of the Egmont group since July 2003.

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